

TEXAS

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION

MAY 1992

AUSTIN, TX 78778

JOB GROWTH CONTINUES

Jobless Rate Remains Steady

There was little change in the unemployment picture for Texas between March and April, as the actual (not seasonally adjusted) unemployment rate was unchanged, at 7.4 percent. The current rate was moderately above the April 1991 rate of 6.9 percent. The number of jobless Texans rose by only 6,300 over the month, totaling 648,000 in mid-April. Total employment recorded a modest increase, rising to an estimated 8,086,800.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate decreased from 7.6 percent in March to 7.4 percent in April. In April 1991 the rate was 6.9 percent. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate fell from 7.3 percent in March to 7.2 percent in April. The year-ago rate was 6.6 percent. The U. S. actual rate fell from 7.7 percent a month ago to 7.1 percent in April. One year ago that rate was 6.5 percent.

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs Increase

The number of Nonfarm Salaried Jobs in Texas rose by 25,500 from March to April 1992. **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** totaled 7,235,300 in April, up by 85,600 from one year ago. While this increase was quite a bit larger than the March-to-April change last year, it was only about half the size of the growth registered during the same period in 1990. Total **Nonmanufacturing** rose by 22,900 from

March. At 6,257,600, this was up by 91,700 from April '91.

Wholesale and Retail Trade showed the largest increase in Nonmanufacturing, rising by 11,300 over the month. Retail Trade advanced by 11,500 over the month, while Wholesale Trade lost 200 jobs from March. Most of the gain in Retail appeared in Eating and Drinking Places, which increased by 7,900, signaling the beginning of this industry's busiest season. Both Food Stores and Apparel and Accessory Stores increased by 1,300 over the month, while Building Materials and Garden Supplies and General Merchandise Stores increased by 900 each.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (In Thousands)

	Apr. '92	Mar. '92	Apr. '91
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	125,878.0	125,797.0	124,727.0
Unemployment	8,945.0	9,691.0	8,049.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1%	7.7%	6.5%
Total Employment	116,933.0	116,106.0	116,678.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	126,830.0	126,591.0	125,644.0
Unemployment	9,155.0	9,243.0	8,256.0
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	7.3%	6.6%
Total Employment	117,675.0	117,348.0	117,388.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,734.8	8,698.8	8,618.9
Unemployment	648.0	641.7	594.2
Percent Unemployed	7.4%	7.4%	6.9%
Total Employment	8,086.8	8,057.1	8,024.7
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,744.0	8,768.0	8,638.0
Unemployment	643.0	667.0	593.0
Percent Unemployed	7.4%	7.6%	6.9%
Total Employment	8,101.0	8,101.0	8,045.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES † **TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS**

	Apr.'92*	Mar.'92**	Apr.'91**	Apr.'92*	Mar.'92**	Apr.'91**	Apr.'92*	Mar.'92**	Apr.'91**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,600	51,800	51,400	98,000	97,600	97,800	461,900	460,900	451,200
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,300	3,300	5,600	5,600	5,200	22,700	23,800	21,200
Percent Unemployed	6.0%	6.4%	6.4%	5.7%	5.7%	5.3%	4.9%	5.2%	4.7%
Total Employment ++	48,500	48,500	48,100	92,400	92,000	92,600	439,200	437,100	430,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	179,900	178,400	171,300	96,500	95,600	93,600	113,800	112,900	109,800
Total Unemployment	15,000	14,900	12,300	7,200	7,200	5,300	14,100	14,400	14,900
Percent Unemployed	8.3%	8.4%	7.2%	7.5%	7.5%	5.7%	12.4%	12.8%	13.6%
Total Employment ++	164,900	163,500	159,000	89,300	88,400	88,300	99,700	98,500	94,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	66,300	64,700	64,900	169,500	168,300	166,300	1,462.6	1,459.4	1,450.2
Total Unemployment	2,300	2,300	2,200	16,700	15,900	13,200	102.8	101.9	90.6
Percent Unemployed	3.5%	3.6%	3.4%	9.9%	9.4%	7.9%	7.0%	7.0%	6.3%
Total Employment ++	64,000	62,400	62,700	152,800	152,400	153,100	1,359.8	1,357.5	1,359.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	256,900	256,100	253,200	747,600	738,900	743,900	115,100	114,200	112,300
Total Unemployment	27,400	27,500	29,000	56,200	51,000	51,800	9,800	9,400	8,000
Percent Unemployed	10.7%	10.7%	11.5%	7.5%	6.9%	7.0%	8.5%	8.2%	7.1%
Total Employment ++	229,500	228,600	224,200	691,400	687,900	692,100	105,300	104,800	104,300
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,785.5	1,779.8	1,764.3	99,700	99,700	97,500	56,700	56,500	56,000
Total Unemployment	123.0	121.3	99.4	7,500	7,800	7,100	5,100	5,100	6,000
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	6.8%	5.6%	7.5%	7.8%	7.3%	9.0%	9.0%	10.7%
Total Employment ++	1,662.5	1,658.5	1,664.9	92,200	91,900	90,400	51,600	51,400	50,000
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	82,700	82,500	81,200	116,500	116,500	115,300	166,400	165,400	168,000
Total Unemployment	7,600	7,700	6,800	7,300	7,400	6,500	27,100	28,000	31,400
Percent Unemployed	9.2%	9.3%	8.4%	6.3%	6.4%	5.6%	16.3%	16.9%	18.7%
Total Employment ++	75,100	74,800	74,400	109,200	109,100	108,800	139,300	137,400	136,600
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,000	49,900	49,500	55,200	54,900	53,400	45,600	45,700	44,500
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,500	2,700	5,400	5,100	3,700	2,600	2,800	2,400
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	7.0%	5.5%	9.8%	9.3%	6.9%	5.7%	6.1%	5.4%
Total Employment ++	46,400	46,400	46,800	49,800	49,800	49,700	43,000	42,900	42,100
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	620,100	617,700	612,500	47,100	46,800	47,500	59,100	58,500	56,700
Total Unemployment	40,300	40,100	42,400	3,600	3,400	3,400	4,900	4,600	4,400
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	6.5%	6.9%	7.6%	7.3%	7.2%	8.3%	7.9%	7.8%
Total Employment ++	579,800	577,600	570,100	43,500	43,400	44,100	54,200	53,900	52,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,000	76,000	76,700	39,100	39,000	37,500	94,600	93,600	94,700
Total Unemployment	5,200	5,200	5,400	2,500	2,400	1,900	6,700	6,000	6,400
Percent Unemployed	6.8%	6.8%	7.0%	6.4%	6.2%	5.1%	7.1%	6.4%	6.8%
Total Employment ++	70,800	70,800	71,300	36,600	36,600	35,600	87,900	87,600	88,300
	WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS***					
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,700	55,700	55,400	8,734.8	8,698.8	8,618.9			
Total Unemployment	4,000	4,000	4,000	648.0	641.7	594.2			
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	7.2%	7.2%	7.4%	7.4%	6.9%			
Total Employment ++	51,700	51,700	51,400	8,086.8	8,057.1	8,024.7			

† All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). †† Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
 * Preliminary - subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

QC ANNUAL REPORT

CY 1991

State of Texas

Unemployment Insurance Quality Control
Annual Report for Calendar Year 1991

Total Dollars Paid in Population	\$928,814,576	
Sample Size	1,310	
	Percentage of Dollars	95% Confidence Interval (+/-)
Proper Payments	93.3%	1.3%
Overpayments	6.7%	1.3%
	100.0%	
Underpayments	0.7%	0.3%

UI Quality Control Program

The Texas Employment Commission (TEC), in conjunction with the U. S. Department of Labor, has initiated a system for analyzing its Unemployment Insurance Quality Control (QC) Program.

The Unemployment Insurance Department of the Commission relies on information provided by employers and claimants as a basis for paying or denying benefits to unemployed persons. Obviously, the quality of decisions on these payments is directly related to the quality of information provided on such matters as job separations, refusal of work, work search efforts, etc.

Under the QC System, a random sampling of claims is computer-generated weekly and each aspect of a claim selected is scrutinized thoroughly. The audit includes: (1) verification of a claimant's reason for being unemployed; (2) verification of the employer's quarterly wages earned by the claimant; (3) weekly work search contacts made by the claimant; and (4) earnings reported by the claimant for the week of the claim.

QC investigators audited a random sample of 1,310 of the 5,661,269 total benefit payments made during Calendar Year 1991. Results of the review showed that during this period, 93.3% of the total benefits were correctly paid. Improper payments or overpayments accounted for 6.7% of total benefits paid. This improper payment figure is broken

out by "error responsibility" as follows:

Claimant only error	3.7%
Employer only error	.5%
Agency only (TEC) error	1.2%
Claimant and agency error	.8%
Claimant and employer error	.2%
Employer and agency error	.3%
	6.7%

Claimant errors included failure to correctly report earnings during a week in which benefits were received.

Employer errors were caused by their failure to report the correct amount of quarterly wages for former employees who later became claimants and received unemployment benefits.

Agency errors were due to data entry or procedural errors made by employees of TEC.

In addition to the Quality Control Unit, TEC also maintains a Benefit Payment Control (BPC) Unit to investigate and reclaim benefits paid to claimants under both fraudulent and unintentional error situations. The BPC Unit recovered \$10,391,713 from claimants in 1991. This money was returned to the U. I. Trust Fund.

In July 1992, the U. S. Department of Labor will publish a digest of QC data for all states. The format used for the release of the Texas QC data is shown above.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT †

	APR. '82*	MAR. '82**	APR. '81**	Chg. from MAR. '82	Chg. from APR. '81
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	7,235,300	7,209,800	7,149,700	25,500	85,600
MANUFACTURING	977,700	975,100	983,800	2,600	-6,100
Durable Goods	550,700	549,000	565,000	1,700	-14,300
Lumber & Wood Products	30,400	30,300	29,600	100	800
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,500	6,500	6,600	0	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	16,500	16,500	15,900	0	600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	34,200	34,200	34,700	0	-500
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	14,600	14,600	15,000	0	-400
Primary Metal Industries	30,300	30,200	30,700	100	-400
Fabricated Metal Industries	80,500	80,100	83,100	400	-2,600
Fabr. Structural Metal Prod.	38,500	38,700	39,600	200	-1,100
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	115,100	114,700	118,800	400	-3,700
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	25,700	25,800	28,800	-100	-3,100
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	100,800	100,700	104,800	100	-4,000
Transportation Equipment	85,100	84,400	90,300	700	-5,200
Aircraft & Parts	59,500	59,400	62,500	100	-3,000
Instruments & Related Prod.	40,600	40,900	40,900	-300	-300
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	17,200	17,000	16,200	200	1,000
Nondurable Goods	427,000	426,100	418,800	900	8,200
Food & Kindred Products	94,700	95,100	95,600	-400	-900
Meat Products	30,500	30,500	30,400	0	100
Dairy Products	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0
Bakery Products	10,100	10,100	10,200	0	-100
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,100	3,000	100	200
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,100	3,900	-100	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	59,000	58,600	55,800	400	3,200
Paper & Allied Products	25,300	25,300	24,900	0	400
Printing & Publishing	76,300	76,300	75,100	0	1,200
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	36,700	36,500	35,300	200	1,400
Chemicals & Allied Products	87,200	86,900	84,800	300	2,400
Petroleum & Coal Products	30,300	30,300	29,500	0	800
Petroleum Refining	27,500	27,500	26,600	0	900
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	42,300	41,900	41,500	400	800
Leather & Leather Products	7,800	7,500	7,600	300	200
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	6,257,600	6,234,700	6,165,900	22,900	91,700
Mining	176,300	176,500	186,900	-200	-10,600
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnts., exc. Fuel	9,300	9,300	9,600	0	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	167,000	167,200	177,300	-200	-10,300
Construction	347,200	343,700	346,000	3,500	1,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	433,100	433,000	430,300	100	2,800
Railroad Transportation	16,700	16,700	17,300	0	-600
Other Transportation	249,000	248,800	243,000	200	6,000
Transportation by Air	80,100	79,900	77,000	200	3,100
Communications	88,200	87,900	90,000	300	-1,800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,200	79,600	80,000	-400	-800
Electric Services	39,600	40,100	40,300	-500	-700
Gas Production & Distribution	27,400	27,400	28,200	0	-800
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,735,600	1,724,300	1,720,600	11,300	15,000
Wholesale Trade	433,500	433,700	435,000	-200	-1,500
Retail Trade	1,302,100	1,290,600	1,285,600	11,500	16,500
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	41,800	40,900	42,600	900	-800
General Merchandise Stores	168,900	168,000	169,600	900	-700
Food Stores	240,400	239,100	234,800	1,300	5,600
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,300	133,000	131,900	300	1,400
Apparel & Accessory Stores	76,200	74,900	78,800	1,300	-2,600
Eating & Drinking Places	456,600	448,700	442,100	7,900	14,500
Other Retail Trade	184,900	186,000	185,800	-1,100	-900
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	429,300	428,700	427,100	600	2,200
Depository Insts., incl. Banks	119,100	119,200	121,600	-100	-2,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	144,900	144,600	141,900	300	3,000
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	165,300	164,900	163,600	400	1,700
Services	1,817,600	1,813,100	1,760,900	4,500	56,700
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	82,300	82,100	83,200	200	-900
Personal Services	83,100	83,500	81,400	-400	1,700
Business & Repair Services	450,500	448,900	447,900	1,600	2,600
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	89,500	88,900	85,200	600	4,300
Health Services	533,500	531,500	495,900	2,000	37,600
Educational Services	91,900	90,900	89,600	1,000	2,300
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	156,900	158,500	154,500	-1,600	2,400
Other Services & Miscellaneous	329,900	328,800	323,200	1,100	6,700
Total Government	1,318,500	1,315,400	1,294,100	3,100	24,400
Federal Government	200,400	200,100	197,400	300	3,000
State Government	290,300	289,100	276,300	1,200	14,000
Local Government	827,800	826,200	820,400	1,600	7,400

† Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT + TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

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	Apr. '92*	Mar. '92**	Apr. '91**	Apr. '92*	Mar. '92**	Apr. '91**	Apr. '92*	Mar. '92**	Apr. '91**	Apr. '92*	Mar. '92**	Apr. '91**
Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	49,400	49,400	48,700	79,800	79,500	79,200	398,500	397,100	391,500	154,300	153,300	148,500
Manufacturing	4,400	4,400	4,300	9,000	8,900	8,500	51,500	51,300	50,600	26,100	25,900	25,500
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,400	800	800	900	700	700	700	2,000	2,000	2,000
Construction	1,700	1,600	1,400	2,600	2,600	3,100	13,000	12,800	12,400	17,400	16,900	15,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,500	5,600	5,600	5,400	12,900	13,000	12,400	10,000	10,000	9,500
Trade	13,000	13,000	12,500	22,700	22,700	22,600	79,000	78,800	77,800	33,300	33,200	32,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	2,000	4,200	4,100	4,100	23,000	23,100	23,300	5,100	5,100	5,000
Services & Misc.	15,100	15,200	15,300	18,800	18,700	18,600	102,700	102,300	100,100	38,000	37,800	36,400
Government	9,200	9,200	9,300	16,100	16,100	16,000	115,700	115,100	114,200	22,400	22,400	22,100
TOTAL	72,600	72,000	71,500	80,600	80,400	76,700	58,500	58,300	57,400	135,000	134,800	135,300
Manufacturing	17,400	17,400	16,900	11,800	11,700	11,000	4,000	4,000	3,500	12,900	13,000	12,800
Mining	2,000	1,900	2,300	—	—	—	600	600	600	3,500	3,500	3,900
Construction	12,000	11,600	12,000	2,200	2,300	2,100	1,700	1,600	1,800	11,100	11,100	11,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,700	3,700	3,600	3,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	6,600	6,800	7,000
Trade	12,800	12,700	12,500	22,200	22,200	21,000	12,100	12,300	11,800	31,800	31,400	31,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,900	3,800	3,800	3,700	1,800	1,800	1,800	5,800	5,800	6,200
Services & Misc.	11,100	11,100	10,800	16,900	18,900	17,800	11,200	10,900	11,200	33,300	33,200	32,200
Government	12,600	12,600	12,400	18,000	17,900	17,600	25,700	25,700	25,300	30,000	30,000	30,100
TOTAL	1,374.0	1,372.7	1,374.7	213.000	212.300	208.600	585.800	582.800	586.300	78.800	78.500	78.300
Manufacturing	209.3	209.5	215.0	40.800	40,500	40,000	101,700	100,900	109,600	8,700	8,700	8,600
Mining	17.8	17.7	18.3	—	—	—	4,300	4,200	4,500	700	700	800
Construction	43.1	42.8	46.4	8,100	7,900	7,800	20,300	19,600	21,800	4,200	4,200	4,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	85.1	85.1	83.1	10,800	10,700	10,600	58,900	58,900	57,000	5,400	5,400	5,400
Trade	354.5	354.3	350.9	53,200	53,200	52,100	146,000	145,300	147,700	16,600	16,400	16,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	125.8	126.1	127.5	8,200	8,300	8,100	27,600	27,900	28,700	5,500	5,400	5,500
Services & Misc.	369.0	368.5	367.3	45,200	45,000	44,300	146,700	145,900	140,900	14,500	14,500	14,200
Government	169.4	168.7	166.2	46,700	46,700	45,700	80,300	80,100	76,100	23,200	23,200	22,600
TOTAL	1,632.5	1,628.9	1,629.9	76,000	75,400	74,200	48,800	48,700	47,300	71,200	70,800	70,400
Manufacturing	179.9	179.9	181.5	8,100	8,100	8,500	1,700	1,600	1,800	16,200	16,100	16,100
Mining	67.6	67.5	70.2	—	—	—	1,900	1,900	1,900	3,400	3,400	3,600
Construction	113.1	111.7	114.4	2,400	2,300	2,400	1,600	1,600	1,400	3,700	3,700	3,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	110.2	110.9	115.0	2,700	2,600	2,500	7,400	7,400	7,100	3,500	3,500	3,500
Trade	379.0	376.9	377.3	16,700	16,500	16,200	15,100	15,000	14,700	17,600	17,500	17,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	98.5	98.4	100.1	3,200	3,200	3,100	1,900	1,900	2,000	2,600	2,600	2,600
Services & Misc.	462.8	462.1	454.3	18,900	18,800	18,200	8,400	8,400	7,900	14,800	14,600	14,400
Government	221.4	221.5	217.1	24,000	23,900	23,300	10,800	10,900	10,500	9,400	9,400	9,300
TOTAL	97,900	98,100	97,900	106,200	105,900	103,400	46,300	46,100	45,700	44,700	45,200	45,100
Manufacturing	7,000	6,900	7,000	13,000	12,800	12,600	2,300	2,300	2,200	4,300	4,400	4,200
Mining	200	200	200	800	800	900	9,400	9,400	9,400	5,200	5,200	5,400
Construction	3,800	4,000	3,300	4,400	4,400	4,200	1,400	1,400	1,400	2,700	2,700	2,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,300	5,400	5,500	3,100	3,100	2,900	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,300	2,200
Trade	26,900	27,000	27,800	32,600	32,500	31,700	10,900	10,900	10,700	12,100	12,300	12,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,600	4,600	4,900	3,700	3,700	3,700	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,300	1,300	1,400
Services & Misc.	26,300	26,200	25,500	19,100	19,100	18,800	10,200	10,000	9,800	8,800	8,900	8,800
Government	23,800	23,800	23,700	29,500	29,500	28,600	7,600	7,600	7,600	8,100	8,100	8,200
TOTAL	38,500	38,100	37,300	535,300	532,600	526,600	37,000	36,800	37,400	47,000	47,000	46,000
Manufacturing	5,000	5,000	5,000	46,000	46,000	45,500	9,900	9,800	10,600	6,100	6,200	6,500
Mining	500	500	600	1,900	1,800	2,000	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,200	1,000	1,100	22,500	22,100	22,000	1,400	1,400	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,700	23,100	22,900	22,400	1,700	1,700	1,600	2,100	2,100	2,300
Trade	9,300	9,300	9,100	129,300	128,100	128,500	7,600	7,700	7,700	11,300	11,200	11,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,500	38,200	38,100	38,900	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,700	1,600	1,700
Services & Misc.	10,300	10,300	9,500	149,600	149,200	146,300	9,700	9,700	9,300	12,000	12,100	11,100
Government	7,800	7,600	7,800	124,700	124,400	121,000	4,700	4,500	4,700	12,300	12,300	12,000
TOTAL	64,000	63,600	63,800	30,600	30,800	30,100	83,300	82,600	83,200	50,200	50,200	49,800
Manufacturing	11,000	10,900	10,700	2,800	2,800	3,000	14,900	15,100	15,700	8,000	8,000	8,100
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,600	1,700	1,700	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,400
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,100	1,900	2,000	2,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,400	1,500	1,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,400	3,400	3,500	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trade	16,400	16,200	15,900	8,500	8,500	8,000	19,400	18,900	19,300	11,700	11,600	11,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,300	1,600	1,600	1,700	5,200	5,200	5,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
Services & Misc.	16,400	16,400	16,400	7,300	7,200	6,800	23,700	23,300	22,800	12,900	12,900	12,500
Government	10,100	10,000	10,700	5,400	5,500	5,400	13,700	13,700	13,700	9,900	9,900	10,200

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* Preliminary — subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✦

	Average Apr. '92*	Weekly Mar. '92	Earnings Apr. '91	Average Apr. '92*	Weekly Mar. '92	Hours Apr. '91	Average Apr. '92*	Hourly Mar. '92	Earnings Apr. '91
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	\$ 465.47	\$ 464.88	\$ 449.70	42.2	42.3	41.6	\$ 11.03	\$10.99	\$10.81
Durable Goods	446.46	449.85	438.46	42.0	42.2	41.6	10.63	10.66	10.54
Lumber & Wood Products	320.88	312.50	315.78	42.5	41.5	42.5	7.55	7.53	7.43
Furniture & Fixtures	308.25	314.47	292.92	40.4	41.0	38.9	7.63	7.67	7.53
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	429.68	430.76	411.09	43.8	44.0	42.6	9.81	9.79	9.65
Primary Metal Industries	504.14	506.91	483.42	43.2	43.4	42.0	11.67	11.68	11.51
Fabricated Metal Products	422.42	431.38	416.63	41.7	42.5	42.6	10.13	10.15	9.78
Industrial Mach., exc. Electric	440.91	449.10	444.32	42.6	43.1	42.6	10.35	10.42	10.43
Oil Field Machinery	539.62	546.08	556.95	46.2	46.2	47.4	11.68	11.82	11.75
Electronic & Oth. Electrical Eqmt.	443.20	442.01	437.02	40.0	39.5	39.3	11.08	11.19	11.12
Transportation Equipment	613.35	620.68	593.81	42.3	42.6	41.7	14.50	14.57	14.24
Instruments & Related Prod.	440.15	437.84	416.56	41.8	42.1	41.0	10.53	10.40	10.16
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	329.99	332.77	296.81	41.3	41.7	38.9	7.99	7.98	7.63
Nondurable Goods	487.60	480.95	463.84	42.4	42.3	41.6	11.50	11.37	11.15
Food & Kindred Products	394.90	386.40	385.15	42.6	42.0	42.7	9.27	9.20	9.02
Meat Products	291.48	284.71	288.74	41.7	40.1	42.4	6.99	7.10	6.81
Malt Beverages	961.36	896.40	941.99	46.6	45.0	49.5	20.63	19.92	19.03
Textile Mill Products	380.84	366.27	368.96	44.7	43.5	44.4	8.52	8.42	8.31
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	241.55	244.05	221.80	38.1	38.8	36.6	6.34	6.29	6.06
Paper & Allied Products	536.80	523.53	505.91	44.4	43.7	43.5	12.09	11.98	11.63
Printing & Publishing	437.98	443.41	429.44	39.6	40.2	39.8	11.06	11.03	10.79
Chemicals & Allied Products	785.23	755.08	760.35	45.6	44.6	44.7	17.22	16.93	17.01
Petroleum & Coal Products	873.60	880.78	792.06	46.1	46.9	44.8	18.95	18.78	17.68
Petroleum Refining	905.40	912.13	820.74	46.1	46.8	44.8	19.64	19.49	18.32
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	424.60	422.04	387.20	44.0	44.1	41.5	9.65	9.57	9.33
Leather & Leather Products	267.13	278.70	268.71	39.4	40.1	39.4	6.78	6.95	6.82
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	667.49	671.67	636.59	43.4	43.9	44.3	15.38	15.30	14.37
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	663.94	664.32	628.54	47.8	48.0	48.8	13.89	13.84	12.88
Oil & Gas Extraction	667.62	671.88	636.68	43.1	43.6	44.0	15.49	15.41	14.47
Communications	561.70	561.54	543.36	41.7	42.0	40.1	13.47	13.37	13.55
Elec., Gas & San. Services	567.59	562.93	571.90	41.4	41.0	42.3	13.71	13.73	13.52
Wholesale & Retail Trade	258.33	259.78	249.36	32.7	32.8	32.3	7.90	7.92	7.72
Wholesale Trade	448.48	453.38	431.24	39.9	40.3	39.6	11.24	11.25	10.89
Retail Trade	200.69	200.39	193.24	30.5	30.5	30.1	6.58	6.57	6.42
General Merchandise Stores	202.97	199.17	191.91	30.8	30.5	29.8	6.59	6.53	6.44
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	324.32	347.99	323.01	36.4	39.1	37.0	8.91	8.90	8.73

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	\$ 437.78	\$ 447.26	\$ 430.73	41.3	41.8	41.1	\$ 10.60	\$ 10.70	\$ 10.48
Durable Goods	447.86	457.47	445.94	40.9	41.4	41.1	10.95	11.05	10.85
Nondurable Goods	422.52	431.21	404.67	42.0	42.4	41.0	10.06	10.17	9.87
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	482.16	486.98	473.39	41.0	41.2	41.2	11.76	11.82	11.49
Durable Goods	497.76	505.52	492.03	40.7	40.9	40.9	12.23	12.36	12.03
Nondurable Goods	452.35	453.78	434.72	41.5	41.9	41.8	10.90	10.83	10.40
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	565.02	562.80	553.22	43.8	43.9	44.4	12.90	12.82	12.46
Durable Goods	482.90	482.68	476.28	44.1	44.0	44.1	10.95	10.97	10.80
Nondurable Goods	671.64	665.99	662.14	43.5	43.7	44.8	15.44	15.24	14.78
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	349.44	345.66	329.26	42.0	42.0	40.4	8.32	8.23	8.15
Durable Goods	360.40	360.38	334.84	42.6	42.8	40.1	8.46	8.42	8.35
Nondurable Goods	338.25	332.47	324.79	41.3	41.3	40.7	8.19	8.05	7.98

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Automotive Dealers and Service Stations was up by 300. Other Retail Trade decreased by 1,100 over the month.

Services showed an increase of 4,500 from March. Health Services increased by 2,000, while Business and Repair Services went up by 1,600. Educational Services went up by 1,000, and Other Services and Miscellaneous increased by 1,100 over the month. Engineering and Management Services decreased by 1,600, while Personal Services declined by 400 from March.

Construction increased by 3,500 from March to April '92, due to more favorable weather conditions.

Total Government gained 3,100 over the month, with the largest gain being in Local Government, up by 1,600 from March. This increase was seasonal in nature. State Government gained 1,200 jobs, while Federal Government was up by 300 over the month.

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate increased by 600 from March. The only decline in F.I.R.E. was in Depository Institutions, including Banks, down by 100 from March.

Transportation and Public Utilities increased by 100 over the month. The only decline in Transportation appeared in Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services, down by 400 from March.

The only decline in Nonmanufacturing occurred in **Mining**, which lost 200 jobs over the month.

Manufacturing increased by 2,600 from March '92. At 977,700 this was down

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by 6,100 from one year ago. **Durable Goods** gained 1,700 jobs with its largest increase appearing in Transportation Equipment, up by 700 over the month.

Nondurable Goods rose by 900. Its largest increases were seen in Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products and in Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products, both up by 400 over the month.

Average Weekly Earnings Rise

For the estimated 642,800 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers, Average Hourly Earnings increased by four cents from March to April 1992. Average Weekly Hours were down by one-tenth of an hour, as Average Weekly Earnings increased by fifty-nine cents over the month. This was \$15.77 above the April '91 level of \$449.70 per week.

In mid-April a worker, on average, was earning \$11.03 per hour for a 42.2-hour work week and making \$465.47 in average weekly earnings.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	APR. '92	APR. '91
Total Population	17,620,800*	17,258,800*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.5	2.1
UI Covered Employers	328,659	320,186
Total Claims Actions	871,114	693,672
Total Initial Claims Actions	111,714	65,862
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	759,400	627,810
Total Placements	30,993	32,678
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$170.13	\$163.24
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	101,519,739	80,803,599

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